Bangalore, rejuvenation of tanks including Kermpambudhi tank, flyovers, sites and services, road improvement projects, etc.

(b) Release of financial assistance from the Central government will depend upon availability of Central assitance/State share and implementation of projects conforming to the Mega City scheme guidelines by the Nodal agency for the Bangalore Mega City Projects from year to year. There is no fixed amount of financial assitance earmarked for the Bangalore Mega City Project.

(c) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) was approached for extending assistance for infrastructural development with a view to decongesting Bangalore city. A Technical assistance study supported by the ADB decongestion of Bangalore has been completed. An investment project is under processing by thge ADB.

Meeting on Women and Child Welfare

1288. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had called the meeting of all the State Ministers for Women and Child Welfare on 21st April, 1995;

(b) if so, the main points discussed during the meeting;

(c) whether any concrete programme of action was discussed; and

(d) the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVLEOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEPARTMENT OF (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir a meeting of State Ministers dealing with women and Child Development Programmes was held in New Delhi on 21st April, 1995. Various issues discussed in the meeting included implementation of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), training of ICDS functionaries, Supplementary Nutrition, Adolescent Girls Scheme, Convergence of Services, State Plan of Action for Children, State Children's Boards, National Children's Funds, State Plans of Action on Nutrition, CARE/World Food Programme (WFP), Food and Nutrition Board, Mahila Samriddhi Yajana, Rashtriya Mahila Kosh, Women Development Corporations, Gender Sensitisation, Setting up of Employment cum-Income Generating Training-cum-Production Centres (NORAD) and Support to Training and Employment Programme (STEP), State Plans of Action for the Girl Child and involvement of NGOs etc. A National Plan of Action for Nutrition was also released by the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development.

(d) The main decisions taken/recommendations made in the meeting were, celebration of the 20th year of ICDS Scheme, greater involvement of community, effective convergence of sectoral services in anganwad centres, emphasis on recruitment of ICDS functionaries and their training, full utilisation of training capacity popularisation of Mahila Samriddhi Yojana (MSY) among rural women, maintenance of quality as well as quantity of MSY, involvement of Pnachyats, increasing the outreach of Post Offices to cover more villages, translation of Legal Literacy Manuals into local languages, setting-up of separate Departments for Women and Child Development and State Commissions for Women at State level for increased focus on relevant issues, popuarisation of the activities of Rahtriya Mahila Kosh, providing land for construction of Working Womens Hostels, greater involvement of State Governments in monitoring of different programmes of Department of Women and Child Development etc.